

House File 106 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to including service animals as an eligible
2 service reimbursable under the home and community-based
3 services waivers.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. SERVICE ANIMALS == ELIGIBLE SERVICE UNDER
1 2 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVERS.
1 3 1. The department of human services shall submit a medical
1 4 assistance state plan amendment to the centers for Medicare
1 5 and Medicaid services of the United States department of
1 6 health and human services to add the securing and maintaining
1 7 of a service animal as an eligible service reimbursable under
1 8 the medical assistance home and community-based services
1 9 waivers.

1 10 2. If the state plan amendment is approved, the department
1 11 shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A to implement this
1 12 section.

1 13 3. For the purposes of this section:

1 14 a. "Securing and maintaining" means any activity related
1 15 to the training and raising of the service animal including
1 16 but not limited to training, equipment and supplies, food,
1 17 licenses, and veterinary services.

1 18 b. "Service animal" means an animal individually trained
1 19 to assist or accommodate an individual with a mental,
1 20 physical, cognitive, psychological, emotional, or sensory
1 21 disability in order to maintain the individual's health,
1 22 safety, and independence.

1 23 EXPLANATION

1 24 This bill directs the department of human services to
1 25 submit a medical assistance state plan amendment to the
1 26 centers for Medicare and Medicaid services to add the securing
1 27 and maintaining of a service animal as an eligible service
1 28 reimbursable under the medical assistance home and
1 29 community-based services waivers. If the state plan amendment
1 30 is approved, the department is directed to adopt rules
1 31 pursuant to chapter 17A to implement the provision. The bill
1 32 defines "service animal" and "securing and maintaining" for
1 33 the purposes of the bill.

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